

Cumbria Canoeists Regional Meeting and ACM : Bull Inn Sedbergh 24/01/06

Present:

Nick Mortimer	Paul Wilson.	John Sherwin
Mike Sunderland	Nigel Timmins.	Gareth Field
Sue Carter	Mark Davies	Gavin Smallbone
Mac Knowles	Gordon Furness	Pete Knowles
Amy Furness	Matt Ellis	Janice Weatherill
Mike Hinson	Alison Falconbridge	Sean Mc Grath
Sue Simpson	John Maddy	Craig Henderson
Craig Palmer	Rachael Palmer	Tim Taylor
Alistair Yates	Steve Farthing	Steve Mattock
Nick Austin	Jim Wilson	John Crosbie

Apologies: from Jill Davies, John Platt, Liz Farthing, Tim Mather. Joe Stalker, Mike Constable,

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Proposed by Mike Sunderland Gordon Furness seconded.

ACM aspects. Awards were made to retiring LCO's John Platt, Jim Wilson, and Nick Mortimer. Thanks guys for your long service and help. Matt then outlined proposals for reducing number of LCO's – Mike felt there was no real brief for LCO's – Matt highlighted Richard comments when he came to meeting – which was if LCO's organised just one regional or local event each year then that would be great. Lots of debate around this. Alistair Yates felt it was time he stepped down as well but fortunately three new people put themselves forward –

Mike Sunderland Cumbria East

Gareth Field Cumbria South

Gavin Smallbone Cumbria North.

We therefore really need someone to volunteer for Cumbria west. Hopefully Copeland and or Duddon could propose someone?

Matt Ellis highlighted that he has been in post for 4 or 5 years and feels another year is enough so is giving notice that he would like to retire next year. Anyone interested in taking over the RCO role then please talk to Nigel Timmins and or Matt.

Treasurer's report. Accounts were handed out and approved. Issues relating to them – Mike Sunderland asked that the money from old Eden club go to any new clubs e.g. Sedbergh and or Grange – again some discussion about this but basically an amount of up to £300 was approved so long as there is an application form and something in their constitution that states that money will be refunded if club folds within 3 years. NT to action.

CDO Report – Nigel Timmins CDO Notes Cumbria meeting 24/1/06.

Thanks to Mike Hinson of Sedbergh CC organizing this free venue. Would appreciate help from clubs to book venue in future. Free if possible/

Thanks to all those that helped on the very successful River Eden clean up day – held on 19th Nov 05. Good TV coverage.

Thanks to Slime for organizing the winter talks – very successful talk by Doug Cooper at the Brewery Kendal. Slime has organised a great rate for us there – 172 attended and we made £418:72. ? Keswick also did fairly well with I believe some 50 people attending. Please support all other talks.

New PDO in NW and Yorkshire – Gareth Field. Interestingly lives in Cumbria but will have an office in college in Preston.

New Ullswater Trail leaflet under way with help from Eden Rivers Trust via heritage lottery grant. It has paid for researcher Charles Stewart to expand present leaflet with more trails – flora and fauna info – better access info possible boat lock up facilities at Glenridding etc Launch in April 2006. Any Photo's of Ullswater that you have would be gratefully received.

Update day at Greystoke on Feb. 12th . thanks to all those who have volunteered to help. Took along time to find venue at reasonable price. Would like to hold it in south Cumbria but I need help to source a site. Please talk to me with suggestions.

Programme for this year. – morning with Richard ward ; *BCU medicine?*

And me on LTPD. Possible access update from Mark.

Afternoon the sweetener

Matt Ellis and Barry Howell Canoe lining and tracking/ poling.

Gavin Smallbone Intro to Freestyle.

Dave Watkinson Intro to WW safety.

Tom Sibald a look at 3 and 4 star canoe.

NT + MacKnowles – Coaching young people BCU module.

Rob Wright Canoe/kayak games from the new book.

Mark Davies Access issues.

Possibly Ian Wilson on advanced WW safety on steep creeks.

Lazonby steps now operational – grand opening on Thursday 26th January at 11:30 paddlers invited TV possibly there? Access all year to below bridge and 1 mile upstream. Please respect any fishermen though as the parish council do not want to lose the income that fishermen provide them.

New canoe club starting up at Grange will be visiting on the 2nd of Feb. Contact there is a Mr Jackson.

Action Plan – 2006 produced and agreed at meeting.

Forthcoming events.

May 14th Brookbank open day and junior freestyle coaching. Sale water park Manchester. Check out there web site.

Saturday May 20th - Northern/Cumbria mini youth fest Derwent water marina –

Need help - clubs to be responsible for
Freestyle - Carlisle
Sea canoe races – West Cumbria.
Canoe raft race.- Duddon CC
X stream slalom – Copeland CC
WW race -
Open tour on the middle Derwent Sunday 21st.

Saturday 15th July Ullswater OB race.

Main Youthfest - Dorney lake near Windsor on one of the Olympic sites 9th July.

RCO report – Matt Ellis.

Talked about the new coaching scheme having attended the RCO meeting earlier in January. He had a number of people raise concerns and he had written to Mike Devlin a couple of times but with replies from Mike and the recent visit he now feels much happier with the outcomes. Richard Ward will be highlighting aspects of this on the update day so he did not elaborate too much but was pleased that proposals on the star tests was closing the gap between 4 and 5 star. That bank based coaching though an important aspect it was now clear that you could not become a level 3 coach or above without having some personal paddling awards. First Aid is now much clearer for each of the levels. WW safety for inland and now sea/surf awards is proposed which is a good move. Accepted that the need to make a clearer route through the BCU scheme was a very difficult concept given the range of awards and this is possibly not going to be achieved as in some ways there will be more awards than at present.

Access

Jim Wilson reported on the Eden and stated that a number of people are not booking the river. This needs addressing and an article needs to be put into CODE and Focus. Also freelance instructors are using the river and doing a lot of teaching on it. He raised the point that the agreement is a touring agreement and people should not stop and play. The main problem is doing it when in sight of fishermen as numerous complaints have had to be dealt with.

Complaint about the Greta (recently) Please only use the agreed egress/access points. A group were caught egressing at Brundholme beck and there are reeds here that are easily damaged.

Clubs

Duddon – Lots of courses and events running. They need the dates of Cumbria events sooner as the ones mentioned by NT are not clashing with their dates.

West Cumbria – Very active club with a busy swimming pool session which has been extended to 2 x 45min slots. The special training during last summer has really brought people on and was well received.

Carlisle -

Copeland. Change of the committee with Mike Constable now being the new chair. A thanks to Joe Stalker for all his years of service. Very busy last year with trips to Alps and elsewhere

– similar plans for this year. They are virtually full and can not really accommodate any more new members.

Sedbergh Now have pool sessions in local pool. Has proved very popular.

Website –

AOB

Next meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday 27th June 2006.

Pooley bridge, Ullswater.

Pooley Bridge inn – meet early
for a paddle on the lake or weir
at car park next to river.